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Mr. Larry W. Sonsini
Chairman
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
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Dear Mr. Sonsini:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is examining a \$535 million loan guarantee issued to Solyndra, Inc. (Solyndra) by the Department of Energy (DOE).

In September 2009, Solyndra was the first recipient of a DOE loan guarantee. Since the loan guarantee closed, Solyndra suffered a number of significant financial setbacks causing the company to cancel a planned initial public offering, lay off a number of employees, and ultimately file for bankruptcy protection.

It is our understanding that you advised Solyndra on many different legal matters, including the company's efforts to obtain and restructure its DOE loan guarantee. In addition, it is our understanding that certain legal fees, including those billed by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (Wilson Sonsini) to Solyndra, were submitted by Solyndra to DOE as eligible project costs associated with the loan guarantee project and ultimately paid with loan guarantee funding. In order for the Committee to better understand the DOE loan guarantee to Solyndra, and the nature and extent of Wilson Sonsini's involvement, please provide the Committee with the following information no later than January 20, 2012:

1. All documents, invoices, or other billing documents relating to Solyndra.

An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Committee's request.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Karen Christian or Todd Harrison of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
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cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Ranking Member

The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member
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Attachment